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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of** )  
YAMAYA )  
**Application Number to be Assigned** )  
**Filed Concurrently Herewith** )  
**For: PICKUP APPARATUS OF PIANO** )

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, ~~please~~ delete "claims 1 or 2" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.

In claim ~~4~~, ~~please~~ delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.

In claim ~~5~~, ~~please~~ delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.

In claim ~~6~~, ~~please~~ delete "claims 1 to 5" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.